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## ATTACHMENT A

### Amendment to the Claims

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Original) A method for determining, *in vitro*, predisposition to a venous thromboembolic disease in an individual, in which it is determined whether the individual has been infected by a bacterium of the Chlamydia genus, in particular *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which it is determined whether the individual has been infected by a bacterium of the Chlamydia genus, in particular *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, by assaying the level of anti-Chlamydia antibodies in a biological sample of from said individual.

3-6. (Canceled)

7. (New) A method for preventing and/or treating venous thromboembolic disease, wherein a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount of an agent active on bacteria of the Chlamydia genus, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, is administered to a patient requiring such a treatment.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the Chlamydia is *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.

9. (New) A method according to claim 7, wherein said active agent is an antibiotic agent.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the antibiotic agent is selected from the group consisting of macrolides, tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones and rifampicin.

11. (New) The method according to claim 7 intended for the prevention of recurrences subsequent to a first venous thrombosis.